



## The Delaware Health Care Commission Meeting

October 4, 2018 - 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

### Meeting Attendance

**Commission Members Present:** Dr. Nancy Fan (Chair); Molly Magarik (DHSS); Theodore W. Becker (Mayor of Lewes); Trinidad Navarro (DOI); Dr. Jan Lee (DHIN); Bob Dunleavy (DSCYTF); Dr. Edmondo Robinson (CCHS); Rick Geisenberger (DOF); Dennis Rochford (Maritime Exchange for DE River & Bay); Dr. Kathleen Matt (University of Delaware)

**Commission Members Absent:** Secretary Kara Odom Walker (DHSS); Richard Heffron

**Meeting Facilitator:** Dr. Nancy Fan (Chair)

**Health Care Commission Staff:** Elisabeth Scheneman, Executive Director; Kiara Cole, Community Relations Officer; Eschalla Clarke, Social Services Sr. Administrator

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Fan called the meeting to order at approximately 9:03 a.m.

### Meeting Minutes Approval – September 6, 2018

Dr. Fan requested the commissioners to briefly review the September 6, 2018 meeting minutes. Secretary Odom Walker requested that a grammar error be updated on page 3 of the minutes. Additionally, Dr. Fan suggested that the changes in the SIM PowerPoint that was presented in August be included in the September 2018 meeting minutes (see below). Dr. Fan motioned for the meeting minutes to be approved. Dr. Jan Lee motioned to approve the minutes; Commissioner Ted Becker second the motion. All Commissioners present were in favor of approving the September 6, 2018 meeting minutes.

### **BOARD BUSINESS**

#### State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP) – Dr. Nancy Fan

Dr. Fan presented the SLRP handout that was *only* provided to the Commissioners. The handout was not distributed to public attendees. Dr. Fan mentioned that the carryover request for 2019 was submitted to the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).

## ***Discussion***

Dr. Jan Lee asked why the full amount of money provided by HRSA was not exhausted and Dr. Fan said that it was due in part by a lack of applicants applying to the program. Additionally, Elisabeth Scheneman mentioned that it is the applicants and there is a criteria that has to be weighed in order for an applicant to be considered for the program. Dr. Fan included that we are very restricted in who we accept into the program.

### State Innovation Model (SIM) Quarterly Report – Dr. Nancy Fan

Dr. Fan presented the second 2018 SIM Quarterly Report (Q2), developed by Concept Systems, LLC, a third party SIM evaluators, handout that was in the Commissioners packets. The handout was not distributed to public attendees – the report is for internal distribution only and is used as a tool to help evaluate the SIM process. The evaluation period for this quarterly report was from May 1 to July 31. Due to the lag in reporting, there are a few items mentioned within the report, that may be outdated, such as, the Healthy Communities Delaware (HCD) update. Since July, there has been activity that has taken place that is not included in the Q2 report.

## ***Discussion***

Dr. Edmondo Robinson made comments pertaining to the Conclusions and Recommendations on page 13 of the report and questioned how we are addressing bullet number one:

“A philosophical difference around how to engage stakeholders in this work is driving much of the tension in the system. Although tension is common in complex systems as the systems and its actors seek to adapt to changes, these differences requires some attention, and a solution to stakeholder engagement negotiated.”

Molly Magarik, Deputy Secretary, commented that we address it by providing the report to key stakeholders to receive feedback on how we can do better moving forward. We continue to be challenged by the procurement process. For instance, the mini-grants has not gotten to a place where individuals have been awarded. We hope that we will be able to present what has been happening once things have been finalized and being transparent about why we cannot share information will help alleviate some of the trust issues we know undergird the discussions around philosophical differences. We continued to get denied by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) when we bring something new to them that does not have a direct link to payment reform.

Dr. Fan added that if the Commissioners have some way to help us [the state] approach this issue, which would be very useful.

Dean Kathleen Matt asked if the denials are directly from CMMI and Molly answered that they are. Dean Matt requested that language of denials from CMMI be forwarded to the Commissioners. Dr. Jan Lee expressed her concern that things that directly impact Payment Reform may be a very shortsighted perspective. This is an extremely complex system. In order for us to fix ‘system’ problems, we cannot focus on just one portion of the system, like Payment Reform. Dr. Jan Lee mentioned that one of the items within the report that was disheartening was the discussion about the sustainability of the Healthy Communities Delaware (HCD). HCD was one of the programs within SIM that everyone agreed would make the largest impact. To read that confidence in the HCD has decreased. Dr. Fan suggested that we

have Steve Peuquet (University of Delaware) and Dr. Karryl Rattay present at one of the upcoming DHCC meetings to provide a status update to the Commissioners. Molly Magarik said that some of the information included within the report is there was large convening on Healthy Neighborhoods on October 3, 2018. Dr. Edmondo Robinson proposed that the Commission develop an outline showcasing what the next phase of outcomes for Delawareans will be post-SIM should look like.

#### Delaware Institute of Medical Education & Research (DIMER) proposal – Sherman Townsend

Sherman Townsend presented highlights of the DIMER proposal which seeks to request permission for the Delaware Health Sciences Alliance (DHSA) to assist with additional administrative tasks to engage potential and current medical students to practice within the State of Delaware. This handout was *only* provided to the Commissioners. The handout was not distributed to public attendees.

The Commission voted to approve the DHSA/DIMER partnership.

Visit [https://dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dhcc/dhcc\\_presentations2018.html](https://dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dhcc/dhcc_presentations2018.html) to learn more about DIMER.

#### **Discussion**

Rick Geisenberger commented this partnership is a fantastic idea, however, do the potential and current students feel a connectedness to Delaware to urge them to want to practice within Delaware.

#### **POLICY DEVELOPMENT**

##### Behavioral Health Consortium – Lt. Governor Bethany Hall-Long

Lt. Governor Bethany Hall-Long provided an in-depth look at the Behavioral Health Consortium's 3-Year Action Plan.

View the Behavioral Health Consortium PowerPoint presentation here:

[https://dhss.delaware.gov/dhcc/dhcc\\_presentations2018.html](https://dhss.delaware.gov/dhcc/dhcc_presentations2018.html)

View the Behavioral Health Consortium's 3-Year Action Plan here: [https://ltgov.delaware.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/27/2018/05/delaware\\_bhc\\_threeyearactionplan\\_2018.pdf](https://ltgov.delaware.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/27/2018/05/delaware_bhc_threeyearactionplan_2018.pdf)

#### **Discussion**

Dr. Edmondo Robinson made a comment regarding the programs and initiatives that the Lt. Governor Hall-Long presented. The clinical piece of this [3-Year Action Plan] is a small piece of the puzzle. There is very little help within the state if you have a behavior and an acute clinical medical concern at the same time. One of the few places within Delaware where you can receive care for these health concerns is in Wilmington Hospital. Christiana Care Health System will be expanding that service within the next few months and there will be a Psychology residency program. In addition, *Project Engage* is a program that allows for a 'teachable moment' between the care giver and patient(s). Under Dr. Terry Horton's leadership, opioids treatment has been added to *Project Engage*. The point is to ensure there are linkages between the clinical care received and the patient's broader health.

Commissioner Dennis Rochford asked whether there are multiple venues (i.e. schools, hospitals, etc.) that are being sought out to increase education and awareness in regards to education and prevention within the 3-Year Action Plan. What is the scope? How do they interface? What resources are

necessary? Lt. Governor Hall-Long said that some of the funds are coming from the Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families (DSCYTF) and the Department of Substance Abuse and Mental Health (DSAMH) and the Division of Public Health (DPH). The Governor's Office and the Cabinet Secretary of the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) are looking for ways in which funding can be maximized through the Clearing House.

Commissioner Navarro commented regarding Lt. Governor's bullet point to address access to treatment, the insurance component of access to treatment is important and should not be overlooked.

### ***Public Comment***

Jonathan (Last name not mentioned) made a comment regarding the Christiana Care Health System's neonatal abstinence care. His son received exceptional care and is happy that there are plans to expand the unit. Additionally, is there plans to initiate safe injection sites within the State of Delaware? Lt. Governor commented that it is and is included in Year 3 of the 3-Year Action Plan.

### ***Discussion***

Commissioner Rick Geisenberger commended the Lt. Governor on the huge undertaking that is in the Behavioral Health Consortium 3-Year Action Plan.

### **S.T.A.R.T. Initiative – Elizabeth Romero**

Elisabeth Romero, Director of DSAMH provided an in-depth presentation on the S.T.A.R.T. Initiative that officially launched on October 3, 2018.

View the S.T.A.R.T. Initiative PowerPoint presentation here:  
[https://dhss.delaware.gov/dhcc/dhcc\\_presentations2018.html](https://dhss.delaware.gov/dhcc/dhcc_presentations2018.html).

### ***Discussion***

Commissioner Rick Geisenberger asked if there are treatments available related to outpatient care within the Delaware Treatment and Referral Network (DTRN). Elizabeth Romero responded, yes there are. It is all treatment of mental health and substance use. For example, if you have a patient that has a suicide tendency and depression, they are able to go online. There are 24 higher volume providers. The goal is to get every behavioral health providers in the State of Delaware on the network.

Dr. Jan Lee asked how ambulatory providers get access to the Delaware Treatment and Referral Network. Elizabeth Romero answered that we have the ability to open up referrals to anyone.

Dr. Jan Lee suggested that the Delaware Health Information Network (DHIN) partner with DSAMH to expand reach and place a link to the DTRN on the DHIN website for easier accessibility for providers.

### ***Discussion***

Molly Magarik congratulated Elizabeth Romero on the hard work DSAMH has done thus far. Robert Dunleavy emphasized the statistics that Elizabeth discussed, but also that a patient can get accepted through DTRN within a half hour. That is an incredible accomplishment. Additionally, integration of kids with the adult system is something that has been discussed for many years, but it looks like [through this effort] it is coming to fruition. Elizabeth Romero responded that it is due in part by us partnering and the leadership of Secretary Manning, Secretary Odom Walker, Lt. Governor Hall-

Long, Dr. Karryl Rattay and anyone else who has played a role in getting this initiative off the ground. Integrating children into the system allows ensures that kids are not relapsing. Commissioner Ted Becker asked how the S.T.A.R.T. initiative interfaces with the telemedicine health screening. Elizabeth Romero stated that she is not sure because it is not certain if DSAMH has looked at the behavioral health telemedicine screening and would love to learn more.

#### **Public Comment**

Additional public comment not provided by public attendees.

#### **UPDATES**

##### Primary Care Collaborative – Dr. Nancy Fan

Dr. Fan provided a brief update regarding the first Primary Care Reform Collaborative that took place on Wednesday, September 27, 2018.

View the Primary Care Collaborative meeting materials here:

<https://dhss.delaware.gov/dhcc/collab.html>

##### Marketplace Update – Trinidad Navarro

Commissioner Navarro expressed his concern about funding for navigators for this years' Marketplace enrollment. The amount of funding will be much lower (from \$600,000 down to \$100,000) and DOI will plan to hire casual-seasonal employees to help assist consumers with signing up for insurance via Marketplace. DOI working closely with insurers, Westside and DHSS to help expand reach of the enrollment period.

#### **ADJOURN**

Hearing no other business, Dr. Fan adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:00 a.m.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

The next HCC meeting will be held on **Thursday, December 6, 2018 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at Corporate Training Center (Room 400A & B).**